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**USE of Force Report**  
**July 01, 2021 – July 31, 2021**

Total Number of Incidents for 7/1/21 – 7/31/21 – Incidents 2168

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 21

Total Uses of Force – 49

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – 0.96 %

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 5

Black Female – 2

White Male – 14

White Female – 3

**Incidents**

**#121BU010015 – Arrest on a Warrant**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

E Area

Neighbor called stating the subjects in the next door apartment were physically fighting. Officer responded. Upon arrival the officers observed an open door to the apartment and items strewn about the living room. Officers announced their presence and received no answer. Officers entered the apartment to check the welfare of residents. The arrestee emerged from a separate room into the living room and refused to remove his right hand from his pocket. An officer went to take custody of the arrestee. A second officer drew his firearm but did not point it at the subject provide cover for the officer handcuffing. Once the officer observed the arrestees hands were empty they holstered their firearm and assisted in attempting to control the arrestee who was actively resisting. The officer brought the male prone onto the couch where they were able to place him in handcuffs. The male gave a false name but through investigation officer were able to discern his real name and that he had a warrant for his arrest.

White Male Age 46, 5'05" 155 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand techniques

Arrestee– no injury

Officer – no injury



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**#2 21BU010066 - Arrest Domestic Assault/ Unlawful Restraint**

Complainants/ Officers Dispatched

A Area

Complainant called 911 stating they had been assaulted by arrestee. Upon arrival officers conducted an investigation and determined the arrestee had committed the crimes of domestic assault and unlawful restraint. The officer informed the arrestee he was under arrest. The arrestee began to show pre-fight cues, clenching his fists and blading one of the officers. Due to the size of the male and the small confines of the residence 2 officers drew their CEW's and displayed it explaining to the male if he fought the CEW's would be deployed. The arrestee did not resist as an officer placed in him in two sets of handcuffs linked together due to his size and took him into custody. The arrestee had a BAC of .109%.

White Male Age 48, 6'01", 336 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – CEW displayed/Verbal commands

Officer 2 – CEW displayed

Officer 3 - empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

**#3 21BU010313– Arrest Attempted Homicide/Interference with Lawenforcemant**

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

B Area

Complaint/Victim called and stated she was savagely beaten by her boyfriend with his fists and wooden handle. The arrestee then strangled her. This had occurred over a period of 10 hours before she was able to escape. The victim stated that the arrestee would try to kill himself. Officers went to arrestee's residence to make contact with him and check his welfare. The arrestee did not respond to repeated knocking and announcements made by officers. The officers used a key from the landlord to make entry. They found the arrestee in his bedroom covered by a blanket. Because officers could not observe his hands the Officers drew their



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firearms and pointed them at the arrestee. The Officers were finally able to observe his hands were empty. They holstered their firearms and placed the arrestee in handcuffs.

White Male Age 36, 5'06", 180lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – firearm pointed/verbal commands

Officer 2 – firearm pointed

Officers -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

**#4 21BU010327 –Arrest Domestic Assault/Attempted Simple Assault on a Police Officer**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

A Area

Officers dispatched to 1394 North Avenue for arrestee who was in possession of a hammer, threatening to kill family members. Dispatch advised family members were attempting to separate themselves in bedroom. Dispatch could hear audible screaming over the line. Before arriving Officers were notified by dispatch that the arrestee had dropped the hammer but was physically assaulting his father. As an Officer pulled up to the house in question they observed the arrestee, shirtless, no shoes, and wearing shorts, sprint up to the cruiser. The arrestee was screaming as he approached the cruiser. The arrestee took a closed fist and started punching the front passenger window of the cruiser with a closed, three to four times, attempting to smash the window (passenger front door was locked). The officer exited his vehicle and drew his CEW. Two other officers arriving also drew their CEW's. Officers gave verbal commands to the arrestee who complied and got down on the ground on his stomach and was taken into custody,

White Male Age 25, 5'09", 120 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/CEW displayed/warned

Officer 2 – CEW displayed/warned

Officer 3 – CEW displayed/warned

Officers -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured by UOF – transported to UVMHC ER for self-inflicted injury from punching cruiser window



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**5. 21BU010560 – Arrest 1st Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault/Interfering with Law Enforcement/ Disorderly conduct/Vandalism/Domestic Assault / Simple Assault on a Police Officer**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched  
B Area

Open 911 line. The dispatcher could hear female screaming and male trying to calm her down. Upon arrival Officer began an investigation into what had occurred. During their investigation the arrestee attempted to interfere and intimidate the victim who was speaking with officers. The arrestee was warned numerous times not to interfere. The arrestee became more aggressive and officer attempted to deescalate the arrestee. When the arrestee would not comply with the officers requests they took him into custody for interfering with the investigation. The arrestee actively resisted the officers taking them into custody; attempting to grab at officers duty belts and firearms, tripping officers, dropping his weight and going limp, pulling away from officers. 3 Officer had to go hands on to get the arrestee into handcuffs while the 4<sup>th</sup> gave verbal orders only. Once in handcuffs the arrestee resisted getting into the cruiser and had to be placed inside. The arrestee then began kicking the windows of the cruiser and was warned to stop or OC would be used. The arrestee complied.

Black Male Age 21, 5'07", 125 lbs.

4 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction advised/Verbal direction Ordered/Empty hand controls x2

Officer 2 - Verbal direction Ordered

Officer 3 - Empty hand controls

Officer 4 - Verbal direction advised/Verbal direction Ordered/Empty hand controls

Officers -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

**6. 21BU010857 – Arrest on Warrant**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched  
C Area

Caller reported a physical domestic occurring. When officers arrived on scene they began to investigate. During their investigation the arrestee was found to have a warrant for their arrest. When officers told the arrestee they had a warrant and were under arrest they tensed up and did not follow directions. The officer grabbed an upper arm and swung his wrist behind his



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back. The arrestee was placed into handcuffs without further incident. There was no other crime discerned from the call.

White Male Age 25, 6'03", 175 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/Verbal commands

Officers -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured by UOF – subject later transported to UVMCC ER for an apparent drug OD

**7. 21BU010805 – Arrest Aggravated Assault**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched

D Area

Complainant/Victim called and stated he had been assaulted by arrestee. The arrestee struck him in the face with brass knuckles. Two officers located the arrestee and went out with him. The arrestee appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants. The arrestee was taken into custody compliantly for Aggravated Assault. During transport the subject began to kick and strike with his forehead the partition between the backseat and the front seat with enough force to rock the SUV. Officers stopped and warned arrestee if he continued he would be sprayed with OC. The officers continued the transport. The arrestee again began to kick the partition. The officers stopped and one officer deployed his OC. The officers observed a cut on the forehead of the arrestee from striking his head on the partition so he was transported to UVMCC ER for treatment.

White Male Age 32, 6'02", 185 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 –verbal commands/OC deployed

Officers -uninjured

Subject –uninjured by UOF – transported for self-inflicted injury



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**8. 21BU010978– Arrest Domestic Assault/Impeding a Law enforcement Officer**

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

B Area

Complainant called 911 and hung up on call back male answered, stated nothing was wrong and hung up. A separate 911 call then came in and caller stated a domestic was going on. Caller stated it was between her son and his pregnant girlfriend and that he was beating her up. Officer arriving observed a male in the door way of the residence. The male looked at them and then entered the residence leaving the door open. Officers could hear screaming from the inside. As they approached the door the arrestee slammed the door shut and locked it. The officer knocked but received no answer. The officer could still hear screaming coming from the residence. The arrestee opened the door and stated "get a warrant" and then attempted to shut the door. The officers prevented this and entered the residence. The officers attempted to speak with the arrestee but he just screamed at the officers and attempted to push them out the door. One officer drew his CEW and told the arrestee to get on his knees. The second officer used this distraction to take the arrestee to the ground and the second officer holstered his CEW. Both officers, an arriving Sergeant and third officer were able to place the arrestee into handcuffs after a brief struggle with him.

White Male Age 24, 5'09", 155 lbs.

4 Officer

Officer 1 –Empty hand controls

Officer 2 – CEW displayed-warned/Empty hand controls x2

Officer 3 - Empty hand controls/handcuff control technique

Officer 4 - Verbal direction Ordered/Empty hand controls x3

Officers -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

**9. 21BU011058– Arrest Negligent Operation/Leaving the scene of an Accident/Eluding a Police Officer**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

A Area

Caller stated that a motor vehicle had run over a street sign and was driving down the middle of the road. Officers arriving on scene attempted to stop vehicle but it attempted to elude them and crashed into the side of a residence. Officer then attempted to speak with the operator to



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have him get out of the vehicle but arrestee refused. An officer pulled the arrestee out by reaching under both his armpits and gentle pulling him out of the vehicle. The arrestee was transported by BFD to UVMC ER to be medically screened due to the accident. At the ER the arrestee attempted to kick doctors. The officer held the arrestee's legs down until he could be placed into restraints by hospital staff.

Black Male Age 77, 5'02", 120 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – empty hand controls x2

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured by UOF transported to by BFD to UVMMC ER for evaluation from car crash

**10. 21BU011125– Arrest Burglary/Unlawful Mischief/Resisting Arrest/Possession of Stolen Property/Arrest on a Warrant**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

D Area

Caller stated arrestee had broken into business and dumped white paint all over the inside of business. A nearby convenience store called about a suspicious female covered in white paint pushing a moped. Officers went out with the arrestee who they know through previous police contact to be aggressive and fight with law enforcement. The officers learned that the arrestee had an active arrest warrant and informed her of this and that she was under arrest. The arrestee attempted to walk away and both officer took her by her arms to apply handcuffs. The arrestee actively resisted the officer but after a short struggle they were able to place her in handcuffs. They had to physically place her into the back of the cruiser due to her active resistance. At court an officer had to physically remove her from the cruiser and non-compliantly escort her into the holding area of the courthouse as she continued to fight and struggle.

Black Female Age 32, 5'11", 175 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 - handcuff control techniques

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured



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**11. 21BU011223– Arrest Unlawful Trespass**

Complainant/Officers dispatched  
C Area

Caller stated arrestee had refused to leave the UVMHC ER after being discharged by ER staff. Officers initially negotiated the arrestee off the property but the male returned walking back toward the ER and refused to leave. The officer attempted to place the arrestee into handcuffs and he actively resisted. The officers brought the male to the ground where they were able to gain control over him and place him in handcuffs.

White Male Age 22, 5'05", 165 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 - empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officer 3 - empty hand controls

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

**12. 21BU011253 – Arrest Unlawful Mischief /Disorderly Conduct**

Complainant/Officers dispatched  
D Area

Caller stated male was breaking business windows and throwing items into the roadway. Officers located the arrestee nearby and he initially attempted to flee from officers. Officer were able to locate and stop him. Officer attempted to place arrestee into handcuffs but the male actively resisted. The officer was able to bring the arrestee to his knees and the arrestee but refuse to lay on his stomach. A second officer drew his CEW and pointed at the male to cover the officer who was handcuffing the arrestee on his knees. The officer was able to secure the arrestee in handcuffs.

White Male Age 52, 5'06", 155 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 - empty hand controls x2

Officer 2 – CEW displayed -warned

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured





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**13. 21BU011223– Agency Assist Arrest Stolen Vehicle**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

C Area

South Burlington Police Department was looking for a stolen vehicle and had put out a bulletin for it. Burlington Police officers located and stopped the vehicle. The officer conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. Per training officers had their firearms pointed at the vehicle and arrestee as they had him exit the stolen vehicle. The arrestee complied with orders and was taken into custody without incident

Black Male Age 36, 5'05", 136 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – firearm displayed/Verbal commands

Officer 2 – firearm pointed

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

**14. 21BU011396– Attempted Suicide**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

A Area

Caller stated the subject was attempting to commit suicide by jumping off Ethan Allen tower. Upon arrival Officer hiked up to the tower and observed a female struggling to hold a male on the ground near a steep drop off at the base of the tower. The officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants emanating from the subject. The officer attempted to place the subject into protective custody. The subject actively resisted the officer but after a struggle the officer secured the male in handcuffs. BFD had to bring their ATV to transport the male from the area to the ambulance.

White Male Age 29, 6'03", 175 lbs.

1Officer

Officer 1 – verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officers – uninjured

Subject – uninjured transported to UVMMC ER for evaluation



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**15. 21BU011569– Arrest on a Warrant**

Officer generated

B Area

Burlington Police executed a warrant for wanted male and stolen property. The male had actively avoided arrest in the past for the warrant and had been seen carrying a firearm. Officers observed the male on the street, near the residence where the warrant was about to be executed, with his back turned to them. The officer approached, identified himself, told the arrestee he was under arrest and each grabbed an arm and lowered him onto the ground and placed him into handcuffs. The officer did not recover a firearm. Officers at the residence waiting to execute the warrant were told the arrestee had been located but no firearm and that the firearm could still be inside the residence. An officer observed a female subject exit the residence and knowing that there was still a firearm unaccounted for drew his firearm and pointed it at the subject and gave her verbal commands which she obeyed. The subject was placed in handcuffs and detained for investigation purposes.

White Male Age, 5'10", 150lbs.

White Female Age 22, 4'11" 105 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – firearm pointed/Verbal commands/handcuffing

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee - uninjured

Subject – uninjured

**16. 21BU01172– Arrest Burglary**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

B Area

Caller reported that someone went into their apartment and might still be in the basement. The complainant was able to give a description of the arrestee. Arriving officers located the arrestee at the bus stop a short distance from the residence where they detained her. After investigation the officer told the arrestee they were under arrest for burglary. The arrestee actively resisted the officers as they attempted to place her in handcuffs. After a struggle the officers were able to handcuff the arrestee and take her into custody.

White Female Age 39, 5'03" 175 lbs.



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3 Officer

Officer 1 – verbal direction advised/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls/other force used x2 double leg take down/figure four leg lock

Officer 3 – empty hand controls

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee - uninjured

**17. 21BU011899– Verbal Domestic/Intoxication**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

B Area

Caller stated subject (girlfriend) was intoxicated and broke down his front door and was refusing to leave. Officers arrived and initially negotiated with her and got her to return to her residence. A short time later officers were called back to complainant's residence because subject had returned. Subject attempted to run from officers but was detained. Subject actively resisted being placed into handcuffs but after a struggle officers were able to handcuff her. Officers were able to locate a friend to care for subject until sober.

White Female Age 33, 5'04" 150 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – handcuffing control techniques

Officer – uninjured

Subject – uninjured

**18. 21BU011901– 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Area

Caller stated victim came to his residence and stated the arrestee her boyfriend had assaulted and was bleeding heavily from a deep cut to her hand. After investigation officer went to arrestee residence to arrest them for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault with a knife. The officer formed a team to safely call out the male from his residence. Due to the knife involved by arrestee one officer was assigned to have their firearm out and pointed at arrestee to cover them until they were secured in handcuffs. Arrestee was called out from his residence and was taken into custody without incident.



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White Male Age 43, 5'09" 200 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – firearm pointed

Officer – uninjured

Arrestee - uninjured

**19. 21BU011901– 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Area

Caller stated victim came to his residence and stated the arrestee her boyfriend had assaulted and was bleeding heavily from a deep cut to her hand. After investigation officer went to arrestee residence to arrest them for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault with a knife. The officer formed a team to safely call out the male from his residence. Due to the knife involved by arrestee one officer was assigned to have their firearm out and pointed at arrestee to cover them until they were secured in handcuffs. Arrestee was called out from his residence and was taken into custody without incident.

White Male Age 43, 5'09" 200 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – firearm pointed

Officer – uninjured

Arrestee - uninjured

**20. 21BU011911– Unlawful Trespass**

Officers generated

D Area

An Officer was on patrol when they heard an audible alarm emanating from a jewelry store. They discovered an unsecured front door and called for more officers. Upon the arrival of other officers, they made entry with their firearms drawn per training. While sweeping through the business, an officer located the arrestee lying face down with one of his hands under his person in the rear of the sales floor. The officer pointed his firearm at him and demanded he show us his hands. He failed to do so and the officer instructed the other officers to maintain their



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stance while they holstered their firearm and moved up to apply handcuffs. The arrestee was taken into custody without incident. Officers noted the male was extremely intoxicated.

White Male Age 36, 5'07" 164 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 2 – firearm pointed

Officer 3 – firearm pointed

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee - uninjured

**21. 21BU011916– Arrest Aggravated Assault with a firearm**

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

D Area

Staff from convenience store called and stated “multiple black males in parking lot, one pulled out a handgun and started shooting at another. Shooter fled in possibly a truck, potential victim fled on foot in unknown direction.” Officers responding received further information the truck was dark colored with out of state plates. Officer observed a dark colored truck with out of state plates driving a short distance from the site of the shooting and attempted to stop it. The truck did not stop and attempted to elude the officers. The truck was finally stopped in the rear parking lot of an apartment building. Due to a firearm being used and the possibility the suspect was in the vehicle the officer conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop and per training had firearms pointed at the vehicle and subjects as they were called out of the vehicle and detained. An Officer drew his CEW as a cover officer, and pointed it at the operator of the vehicle as he was being handcuff as the operator was not following commands. An officer had to assist an officer with another subject being taken into custody who was handcuffed but actively resisting. The officer grabbed a hold of the subject and assisted in physically escorting the male to a cruiser.

Black Male Age 22, 5'01", 170 lbs.

Black Male Age 19, 5'11" 140 lbs.

Black Female Age 18, 5'05" 152 lbs.

6 Officer



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Officer 1 – Firearm pointed  
Officer 2 – Firearm pointed  
Officer 3 – Firearm pointed/CEW displayed/Handcuffing  
Officer 4 – Firearm pointed  
Officer 5 – CEW displayed-warned/Empty hand controls  
Officer 6 – Firearm displayed

Officers – uninjured  
Subjects - uninjured